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First Named Inventor	Anderson et al.
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Application Number	
Filing Date	01/28/2004
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SHOE FASTENING AND CLOSURE DEVICE AND METHOD OF USING SAME

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